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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/628,906	MARSHALL ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 41-69.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02/22/05 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>8/3/04</u> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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DETAILED ACTION**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 1-40 and 70-86 to drawn non-elected **without traverse**. Accordingly, claims 1-40 and 70-86 have been cancelled.

Reasons for allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention is drawn to a reconfigurable device utilizing a plurality of processing devices, each comprising a processing device input and a processing device output, a configurable routing network and a plurality of registers recited in claims 41-69. None of the prior art disclosed or suggested to show the particular structure and/or the particular operation recited in these claims namely: "the plurality of processing devices, **each comprising a processing device input and a processing device output**" in combination with "the configurable routing network adapted to couple at least one of the processing device outputs with at least one of the processing device inputs, the configurable routing network comprising **a plurality of low threshold devices**; wherein **the reconfigurable device is adapted to be placed into a low leakage state that substantially prevents a leakage current from flowing across the low threshold devices**" as recited in claim 41.

The prior art references cited in PTOL 892 are for interest and documentation purposes only.

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The Ko references (U.S Patent No. 5,982,211 and 6,087,886) appears to be the best references with respect to the claimed invention (for example: in Fig. 2 discloses a configurable routing network comprising a plurality of low threshold devices (102, 103), wherein the device is adapted to be placed into a low leakage state when 102 is ON and 103 is OFF, HVT has less leakage current than LVT). However, the limitation "the plurality of processing devices, each comprising a processing device input and a processing device output" is not disclosed in combination with "wherein **the reconfigurable device is adapted to be placed into a low leakage state that substantially prevents a leakage current from flowing across the low threshold devices**". (Fig. 2 only shown "the plurality of processing devices, each comprising a processing device input (seen as circuits provide A and B, not shown), the limitation "the plurality of devices, **each comprising ... processing device output**" is lacking in these prior arts).

The Stansfield et al (U.S 2004/0032289) also appears to be the best reference with respect to the claimed invention. However, this reference does not show or disclose the "the configurable routing network adapted to couple at least one of the processing device outputs with at least one of the processing device inputs, the configurable routing network comprising **a plurality of low threshold devices; wherein the reconfigurable device is adapted to be placed into a low leakage state that substantially prevents a leakage current from flowing across the low threshold devices**" as recited in claim 41.

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Therefore, the claims are patentably distinct over all these prior art references of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to My-Trang N. Ton whose telephone number is 571-272-1754. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 a.m - 5:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy Callahan can be reached on 571-272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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